

East of Eden



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Believe it or not, East of Eden was rated 11th in the Leeder Poll of North American 'Zines. Not bad for a warehouser, huh?

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The air-traffic controllers strike is apparently slowing down trans-continental mail. The deadline for games this time was Thursday the 3rd, but with 4 NMR's on the normal deadline, I decided to allow an extra day. All orders came in today and there are no NMR's this time as a result. Please keep this in mind in the future and allow an extra day or two for mail delivery. Kevin Mooney was victimized last month when his orders arrived one day late.

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**I HAVE
A THEORY
THAT IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE
TO PROVE
ANYTHING,**



**BUT
I CAN'T
PROVE IT.**

ZINE POLL RESULTS:

Yeah, East of Eden really did come in 11 and Black Frog 1st. I have the complete results in hand and will do an analysis in a future issue of BF. Partial results:

	<u>score</u>	<u>zine name</u>	<u>votes</u>	<u>1980 pos.</u>
1.	8.15	BLACK FROG	65	new
2.	8.04	Dot Happy	24	new
3.	7.95	Brutus Bulletin	60	8
4.	7.87	Murd'ring Ministers	62	14
5.	7.81	Retaliation	42	21
6.	7.77	Europa Express	47	new
7.	7.72	Lone Star Diplomat	58	new
8.	7.61	Just Among Friends	36	new
9.	7.56	Jihad	36	new
10.	7.53	Cheesecake	30	12
11.	7.43	EAST OF EDEN	30	new
12.	7.36	Whitestonia	50	43
13.	7.13	Bushwacker	16	29
14.	7.11	Fol Si Fie	28	1
15.	7.10	St. George & the Dragon	40	15
16.	7.07	Diplomacy Digest	60	13
17.	6.97	Plague Times	29	new
18.	6.93	Torpedo	27	new
18.	6.93	Why Me?	27	7
20.	6.90	Emhain Macha	40	5
21.	6.89	Diplomacy World	55	4
22.	6.88	Dogs of War	40	19
22.	6.88	Volkerwanderung	57	2
24.	6.85	Bersaglieri	13	new
25.	6.78	Sleepless Knights	18	new
26.	6.71	Voice of Doom	77	10
27.	6.67	Snake Pit	12	new
28.	6.65	Life of Monty	34	new
29.	6.60	Envoy	42	17

Others in part:

32.	6.36	Dragon & the Lamb	28	9
35.	6.12	PEEK	26	new
37.	5.92	Appalling Greed	25	new
38.	5.86	Liberterrean	21	39
39.	5.69	Graustark	26	31
40.	5.66	The Shogun's Sword	32	25
45.	5.25	Invasion	32	new
46.	5.14	Y'All	14	new
48.	5.05	The Chamber	21	new
54.	2.89	Tetracuspia	26	45

1980ID

Death

1907

CONCESSION TO ITALY PASSES....1980ID
 becomes first game to end of those
 started in BLACK FROG CONGRATUL-
 ATIONS TO BILL SCHTWAUTZ!!!

The Italian concession passed with no opposition. Actually only Italy and England voted for it. Germany abstained while no orders were received for Russia or Turkey. A game wrap up will be published within the next month--end game statements from all players are in order.

On another note, orders from Turkey were received for F'06, but a day after the deadline. They were post-marked four days before the deadline, so normally they would have been received in time (perhaps the air-traffic controllers strike is slowing down cross-country mail). They would have made a difference in 1906 and saved one Turkish center from Russia, but in the long run it is unlikely that they would have made any real difference in the game.

1980HU

Pesty

W'05

NEW SULTAN SUBMITS PRESS, This is one thing
 the old Sultan never never did!

ENGL (J. Townsend) Disband F Ska. Has F NWY, F NTH,
 A DEN & F HEL.
 FRAN (Gallagher) Builds F BRE & A PAR. Also has A BEL,
 A HOL, A BUR, A TYO, F EDI, F ION, F TUN.
 GERM (Rodriguez) No adjustments. Has A KIE.
 ITAL (Langley) No adjustments. Has A GAL, A BUD, A TRI,
 F ADR, F TYR, A ALB, A SER.
 RUSS (Conner) No adjustments. Has A SWE, F BAL, A FIN,
 F STP(nc), A MUN, A SIL, A BOH & F RUM.
 TURK (Brown) Builds F CON. Also has A BUL, A GRE, F
 AEG & F EAS.

Spring 1906 orders will be due on Thursday October
 1st, 1981 at 12:00 noon PDT.

Pestilence Press:

CONSTANTINOPLE: The revolutionary forces of Prophet Ron al-Brown Pasha, who claims to be the same great Turkish leader who led the Ottoman Empire in the invasion of Otranto in 1455, stormed the palace of Sultan Akim-Hart-Mun today successfully capturing it this morning. All palace servants and members of the Imperial Palace Guard were all gathered together and beheaded en masse. Then the Sultan was slowly tortured to death by Ron al-Brown Pasha himself, while the joyful revolutionary soldiers watched. The Pasha claims Allah has reincarnated him into the present in order for him to lead a jihad and restore the Turkish Empire to its former greatness. Immediate orders were given to begin construction on a new fleet for further expansion.

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1981CD

C.D.

W'01

EVERYBODY GETS A BUILD !!!!!

AUST (J. Townsend) Builds A VIE, also has F GRE, A BUD & A SEV.
ENGL (Beck) Builds A EDI, also has A BEL, F NTH & F ENG.
FRAN (Langley) Builds F BRE & F MAR. Also has A PIC, A SPA & F POR.
GERM (Albrecht) Builds F KIE & A BER. Also has F DEN, A HOL & A MUN.
ITAL (Sherwood) Builds F NAP & A VEN. Also has F TUN, A TRI & A TYO. (It doesn't matter whether Tro = Tyrolia or Trieste, cause he has an army there!)
RUSS (Manuel) Builds A MOS. Also has A RUM, A UKR & F GOB.
TURK (Gallagher) Builds F CON. Also has A SER, F ANK & A ARM.

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Spring 1902 orders will be due on Thursday, October 1st, 1981 at 12:00 Noon PDT.

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Press:

MOSCOW to VIENNA: Why did I get no letter from you any-ways?

VENICE: You mean I attacked the guy who got 2nd at Gen-Con's Dip Tournament? Oh no, no I'm in for it

ITALY: I should have gone for the gusto. No guts, no glory, as Vienna stands open.

ITALY to TURKISH SULTAN: A yes, but did you think to take the first and last letters of every sentence of my letter to you? It spells out, "Kiss my bahoochie, Turkey must die!"

FRENCHIE to HER HIGHNESS THE QUEEN: I offereded you my support, my aid, my heart, and you tell me you have joined with Germany. My Gallic soul crys. But fear not, I will forgive all if only you will re-consider and become my little poppet er puppet.

FRENCHIE to WORLD: OK-OK, which one of you has been spreading it around that I'm a 'black' frog?

FRENCHIE to TRO: Honest the fleet in Marseilles is for off-shore oil exploration. I understand that there will be a shortage in 80 years or so.

BLACK JACK to MARY: I haven't gotten the National Geographic map yet, but am looking forward to seeing it. White water running is generally not dangerous along as there is plenty of water and your raft is big enough. The Stanislaus is typical of most rivers flowing west out of the Sierra-Nevada. There are sharp drops and they are pretty rocky; most of the water comes from the melting snow pack and levels are quite low in mid- and late-summer. The Stanislaus has some magnificent short sections (such as through Calaveras Big Trees) that are good for a half-day trip, but it is hard to put together a longer trip. If you have the opportunity, try a short trip on the Stanislaus, you will love it.

1981K

Greed

S'03 corr.

A CORRECTION FOR S'1903

Nearly everyone caught the typographical error last time where the movement of the French F in GoL was omitted. The orders for France should have read:

FRAN (Beck) F Naf-MAO; F Wes-SPA(sc); F Gol-WES; A Par-BRE; A Mar-GAS.

The F'03 deadline will remain September 18th, 1981, unless I have two calls for an extension.

1980HS

Famine

S'06 corr

Another French Fleet Lost!!

The Gulf of Lyon has gotten the ability of the Bermuda Triangle to make French fleets vanish. In the S'06 adjudications, the French F GoL was omitted. The French orders should have read as follows:

FRAN (Albrecht) A EDI(h); F NTH(h); F IRI(s) F Lpl-Nat;
F Lpl-NAT; A PAR(h); F Spa(sc)-WES; F GOL(s) F Spa
(sc)-Wes; A Pie-TUS; A VEN(s) A Pie-Tus; A Mar-PIE.

Fall 1906 orders remain due on Friday September 18th at 12:00 noon PDT.

1980HR

War

summer 06

A further delay !!!!!

Two players in this game (which equals 50% of the active players) have requested a further delay. This game has been delayed for quite a while, but I will go along with one more "short" delay. Fall 1906 orders are due no later than 12:00 noon PDT on Sept. 18th. Orders are on file for France, Germany, Turkey and Italy.

In answer to a question, there is presently a Turkish fleet (not an army) in Sevastopol.

1980KJ

v i p !

W'04

TURKISH FORCES SWELL TO 175% !!!

AUST (Olsen): F Tun retreat OTB; remove A Tyrolia.
ENGL (Sampsen): Remove A Yorkshire.
FRAN (Brown): Build A Paris.
GERM (Pilant): No adjustments.
ITAL (Mainardi): No adjustments.
RUSS (Wells): A Rum retreat to UKR; A Sev retreat to MOS; remove A Fin.

TURK (Arnett): Build A CON, A ANK & F SMY.

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Spring 1905 orders will come due on Thursday, Oct.
1st at 12:00 noon PDT.
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Press:

TURKEY to ITALY: Please notice that I am not building
fleets. //note the plural "fleets" anyway, Tom//

AUSTRIA to RUSSIA: Didn't I ever tell you that I was
small & petty, that I bore grudges and was generally
a very bad person, especially to those who do me
dirt? No? Oops, sorry.

BLACK JACK to PUDGE: Petty yes, but small? Never!

LITTLE RED to INCREDIBLE SHRINKING WHITE: Whatsa matter
Allen? Do the teddy bares have teeth? Does the chew-
ing gum stick to the roof of your mouth?

AUSTRIA to TURKEY: No matter what Jack says you will
indeed still have a friend in 1905. Oops, I forgot,
Brux is in some other game.

FOR SALE: Two (2) authentic letters from Dave Pilant of
Germany, addressed to Austria. These rare collectors'
items are now offered for sale in order to raise mon-
ey for the Dual Monarchy's all-conquering armies.
Each letter is in perfect condition and suitable for
framing. Best offer over \$10 million apiece, or
both for only \$1,999,999.99.

AUSTRIA to PARIS: You know what really aggravates me?
A guy who sits over on the other side of the board,
quietly gathering centers, not saying too much, just
keeping his hand in, and suddenly winning the game
when nobody's looking. Really a loathesome habit.
Disgusting.

BLACK JACK to PUDGE: Ronnie has lots of loathesome
habits (you ought to see what happens when he gets
a chance to get into Denmark) but at least he doesn't
write vituperative press.

AUSTRIA to ITALY: I know Brownie convinced you that you
could gain nothing against France, but have you looked
at the board lately? Oh, good, neither have I.

AUSTRIA to ENGLAND: Won't you please allow yourself to
be eliminated this year? I've got my heart set on
sixth place.

RESULTS OF 4th ANNUAL (1981) N.A. GAMEMASTERS POLL:

1. John Daly	9.15	11. John Boardman	8.33
2. Ron Brown (MM)	8.90	12. Lee Kendter, Sr.	8.20
3. Gary Coughlan	8.86	13. Dave Marshall	8.17
4. Bob Sergeant	8.61	14. Glenn Overby	8.14
5. Don Ditter	8.60	15. Al Pearson	8.13
6. Andy Lischett	8.55	16. Bob Osuch	8.11
7. John Michalski	8.55	17. Jack Masters	8.00
8. Randolph Smyth	8.50	18. Bob Arnett	7.94
9. Fred Davis	8.40	19. Jim Bumpas	7.88
10. John Caruso	8.38	20. Drew McGee	7.80

It is nice to see that my favorite GM (Ron Brown) is finally getting the hobby wide recognition that he has deserved for a long time.

With the exception of Gary Coughlan, all of the top ten GM's are very experienced with at least 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years GMing experience under their belts. At the time the poll ended, Gary Coughlan by contrast, had a total of 2 months GMing experience with two games--and had never GM'd a game past the 1901 season. (Could his 3rd place showing be a bit premature?)

I won't list all the rest of the GM's rated, but just those that may be of more interest to East of Eden readers.

21. Mike Conner	7.67	34. Dick Martin	6.80
22. John Leeder	7.67	35. Keith Mercer	6.60
24. Bern Sampson	7.55	36. Don Sigwalt	6.57
26. Don Del Grande	7.29	37. Don Horton	6.50
26. Allen Wells	7.29	39. Al Rodriguez	6.40
28. Mike Mills	7.18	40. Tom Swider	6.00
29. Mike Barno	7.17	41. Bruce Linsey	5.67
30. Roy Henricks	7.15	44. Scott Hanson	5.17
31. Steve McLendon	7.08	45. Bruce Schneier	4.60
32. Marion Bates	7.00	46. Richard Kavalcik	2.25
33. Fran Guerrier	6.83	47. Brad Wilson	2.22

Players should be very leery of signing up for games under GM's with ratings lower than 6. Bruce Linsey received his low rating with 30 players voting. His 41st place is up from 48th last year; but when is he going to realize that his players really don't like his way of dealing with strict rules and player disputes? Richard Kovalcik who, in my opinion, is far and away the worst GM in the hobby, moved out of last spot into next to last.

Among the Pack (GM's who received less than 5 votes) are: Kathy Byrne 6.67; Dave Carter 7.5; Dan Kuszynski 9.0; Tom Mainardi 9.0; Dave Manuel 7.0; Bernie Oaklyn 1.5.



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- (/) 1980HR "War"
- (/) 1980HS "Famine"
- (/) 1980HU "Pestilence"
- (/) 1980ID "Death"
- (/) 1980KJ "V.I.P."
- (/) 1981K "Greed"
- (/) 1981L "Lust"
- () 1981__ "Diplomacy"